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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(Official Report)

Third Sitting of the Legislative Session 1101.

Thursday, the *28th of Kumbham 1101.* / *11th of March 1926.*

The House re-assembled in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, on 11th of March 1926, corresponding to the 28th day of Kumbham 1101, the President presiding.

The following members were absent :—Messrs. C. Achyuta Menon, I. E. Ambooken, A. Eachara Menon, K. Krishna Menon, M. Krishna Menon, T. K. Krishna Menon, Lonappan Chakkola, P. Munda Vaidyan, S. F. Nunez, Poulo Mampilli, K. S. Rama Ayyar and H. J. Walmesly. The President asked Mr. A. R. Mahadeva Ayyar, B. A., Chief Superintendent, Huzur Secretariat, to attend to the duties of the Council Secretary.

Officers who fix their own tour programme.

397. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the officers who had the power to fix the programme of their own tour during the last 10 years and the amount of travelling expenses drawn by each of them during each year in connection with their tours ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi .—A statement furnishing the information available is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

The Retrenchment Committee.

398. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council when they propose to appoint the Retrenchment Committee promised by them at the budget session of the Council and whether the members of the Committee are to be nominated by the Government or by the Council?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—An announcement on the subject was already made in the last meeting of the Legislative Council, and the Committee will be constituted shortly.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to state when they received the notice of these questions to the office? I had sent these questions long, long ago, after the deliberations or the pronouncement made in the last meeting of the budget session.

President.—Is it the Diwan's Office or the Secretary's Office that you mean?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—I had sent my questions to the Council Secretary in the usual course. I do not know where the delay is.

President.—At any rate, there is no intentional delay in it.

399. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken by the Government with regard to the assurance given to the Legislative Council of appointing a Retrenchment Committee, and whether the Committee will be appointed within a month?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Vide answer to question No. 398.

400. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has taken any steps towards the formation of the Retrenchment Committee promised in the last session of this Council? If so, what steps have been taken? If not, does the Government intend taking any steps before the close of this year?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Vide answer to question No. 398.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—I would like to know what steps were taken. The announcement was made in the last meeting. The question is whether any steps have been taken by the Government.

President.—The composition of the Committee is being considered, and certain names are being proposed.

Heads of Departments and Salaries.

401. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing:—

(a) the number of Heads of Departments in 1090 and 1100;

(b) the monthly salary of each Head of Department in Karkadagam 1090 and in Karkadagam 1100;

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